

Haringey Council

Written Statement/Record of a decision made by an officer under delegated authority

Decision Maker (Post Title)	Assistant Director for Regeneration and Economic Development
Subject of the decision	<p>Request to procure GHD Group Pty Ltd (GHD) under the terms of the Ealing Framework as per Contract Standing Order (CSO) 7.01b.</p> <p>The contract value is £245, 609.76 excl. VAT (including all fees and costs) and will be funded by LBH Capital Funding from Scheme ref 457 (Future High Streets Fund).</p>
Date of decision	15/08/ 2024
Decision	<p>Give approval to procure GHD under the terms of the Ealing Framework as per Contract Standing Order (CSO) 7.01b.</p> <p>The contract value is £245,609.76 excl. VAT (including all fees and costs) and will be funded by LBH Capital Funding from Scheme ref 457 (Future High Streets Fund).</p>
Reasons for the decision	<p>A mini-competition was undertaken between the three companies on the Ealing Framework. Three compliant bids were received. They were evaluated on Quality (60%) and Price (40%). The scores are below. GHD scored highest on Quality, demonstrating an understanding of the brief, a competent team to deliver and a robust programme and risk management and Quality Management process. GHD's submission was considered the best value for the Council.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision	<p>The following options were considered:</p> <p><b>Option 1 – Do nothing. Do not appoint a contractor to undertake this work.</b> The Council has committed to this project and does not have the resources to undertake the work in-house. This option was ruled out.</p> <p><b>Option 2 – Use an existing Framework with suitable companies with the skills to deliver</b> 3 quotes were obtained via the Ealing Framework. The Evaluation demonstrated a submission that was considered best value. This option is recommended.</p> <p><b>Option 3 – Undertake a full competitive tender through the DPS</b> An existing Framework of suitable companies exists and procurement rules state that frameworks should be considered in the first instance. As a result, this option was ruled out.</p>

<p><b><u>Conflicts of interest – Executive decisions</u></b></p> <p>Details of any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision and details of dispensation granted by the Council’s Head of Paid Service</p>	None
<p><b><u>Conflicts of interest – Non executive decisions</u></b></p> <p>Where the decision is taken under an express delegation e.g. by a Committee, the name of any Member who declared a conflict of interest in relation to this matter at the committee meeting,</p>	None
<p>Title of any document(s), including reports, considered by the officer and relevant to the above decision or where only part of the report is relevant to the above decision, that part)</p> <p>These documents need to be attached to the copy of this record/statement kept by the Authority but must not be published if they contain exempt information</p>	None
<p>Reasons for exemption with reference to categories of exemption specified overleaf or</p> <p>Reason why decision is confidential (see overleaf)</p> <p>Decisions containing exempt or confidential information falling within the categories specified overleaf are not required to be published.</p>	Commercially sensitive information relating to the financial and business affairs of the tendering design teams.
Signature of Decision Maker	<p>Anna Blandford, Assistant Director for Regeneration and Economic Development</p> 
<p>Does the decision need to be published?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	

## DECISION MAKING REPORT

**Report for:** Anna Blandford, Assistant Director for Regeneration and Economic Development

**Item number:** N/A

**Title:** Your Seven Sisters Public Realm Design and Art Curator Procurement

**Report authorised by:** Toussainte Reba, Head of Area Regeneration, South Tottenham

**Lead Officer:** Gabriela Martino, Regeneration Manager, South Tottenham

**Ward(s) affected:** Seven Sisters

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** Non Key

### 1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 As part of the 'Future High Streets Fund' programme, the Council is working to deliver a series of physical improvements, enhancements to public access and circulation to the area incorporating Seven Sisters, West Green Road and Tottenham Green. The project is titled 'Your Seven Sisters'.

1.2 In line with Contract Standing Order (CSO) 7.01b, this report seeks approval from the Director of Placemaking and Housing to award a contract to GHD Group Pty Ltd (GHD) for the sum of £245,609.76 excl. VAT (including all fees and costs) under the terms of the Ealing Framework for design and engineering services from RIBA Stage 1 to 6.

1.3 The contract will be funded from the LBH Capital Programme, Scheme Reference 457 (Future High Streets Fund).

### 2. Cabinet Member Introduction

2.1 N/A

### 3. Recommendations

**That the Director of Placemaking and Housing:**

3.1 In line with Standing Order (CSO) 7.01b, approves the procurement of GHD under the terms of the Ealing Framework.

### 4. Reasons for decision

4.1 The project requires the appointment of a high quality and experienced multi-disciplinary design team and art curator to deliver design and engineering services from RIBA Stage 1 to RIBA Stage 6 for the 'Your Seven Sisters' project.

4.2 A mini competition was undertaken between three companies on the Ealing Framework and three compliant bids were received. They were evaluated on quality (60%) and price (40%). The scores are below. GHD scored highest on quality, demonstrating an understanding of the brief, a competent team to deliver and a robust programme and risk management and quality management process. GHD’s submission was considered the best value for the Council.

	Project Centre Ltd	WSP	GHD
QUALITY	37	40	47
PRICE	40	32	38
TOTAL SCORE	77%	72%	85%

4.3 Appointment of an experienced design team will support the delivery of high quality public realm and artistic interventions in the study area. This will deliver on the ambitions of Shaping Tottenham, an emerging ten year strategy for Tottenham which looks to establish Seven Sisters as a safe and welcoming ‘cultural gateway’ to Tottenham.

## 5. Alternative options considered

5.1 The following options were considered:

### 5.2 Option 1 – Do nothing - do not appoint a contractor to undertake this work.

The Council has committed to this project and does not have the resources to undertake the work in-house, hence why this option was ruled out.

### 5.3 Option 2 - Use an existing framework which offers suitable companies with the skills to deliver the project requirements

Three quotes were obtained via the Ealing Framework. The evaluation process demonstrated a submission that was considered best value, and this is the option recommended in this report.

### 5.4 Option 3 – Undertake a full competitive tender through the DPS Portal

An existing framework of suitable companies exists and procurement rules state that frameworks should be considered in the first instance, hence why this option was ruled out.

## 6. Background information

6.1 As part of the ‘Future High Streets Fund’ programme funded by DLHUC, the Council is working to deliver a series of physical improvements, enhancements to public access and circulation to the area incorporating Seven Sisters, West Green Road and Tottenham Green. The project is titled ‘Your Seven Sisters’.

- 6.2 The project will incorporate series of public realm, lighting and creative interventions including:
- A programme of vibrant and interactive art interventions via the commissioning of local artists/designers. The interventions will animate the locality during both day and night, enhancing the area's vibrancy and diversity and will be co-delivered with the local community.
  - Footway upgrades, traffic calming, cycle parking and greening
  - Improvements to support the delivery of Cycleway 50, linking Tottenham Hale to central London
  - A comprehensive approach to street lighting
  - Infrastructure to support the expansion of Tottenham Green Market
- 6.3 The Future High Streets Fund programme specifically requires physical Improvements, enhancements to public access and circulation for the following areas:
- The Tropical Park on West Green Road: 250m2
  - West Green Road Public Realm: 1,500m2
- 6.4 Through 'Shaping Tottenham', the Council is developing a new ten-year strategy for Tottenham: one that is ambitious and looks to better harness the opportunities from the London Borough of Culture '27, Euro 2028 and beyond, for the area and its communities.
- 6.5 The 'Your Seven Sisters' project will deliver both on Shaping Tottenham's priorities and the adopted "Strategy for Tottenham High Road" (2019-2029), with a vision that Seven Sisters will be:

*'Identifiable as an exciting and new destination and the gateway to Tottenham; focussing on building on its healthy international food offer inspired by the market; and a high-quality, safe and welcoming atmosphere for visitors and locals alike.'*

## 7. Contribution to Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-2024 High level Strategic Outcomes

- 7.1 The design and engineering works will enable the future delivery on site of important public realm and placemaking interventions in Seven Sisters. Therefore, this project will contribute towards the core principles of the Corporate Delivery Plan.
- 7.2 **Theme 1: Resident Experience and Working Together**
- 7.3 The award of this contract will support this strategic outcome, through the important co-design element of the commission in the public art programme. The project will also seek to collaborate with seldom heard groups and young voices in development of the proposals.
- 7.4 **Theme 6: A Safer Haringey**
- 7.5 The Corporate Delivery Plan has a vision for Haringey where 'all residents and visitors feel safe and are safe'. This commission will support this strategic outcome through

placemaking interventions which improve the visitor experience and perceptions of safety, encourage greater footfall, and improve ownership of space to deter crime and antisocial behaviour.

## **7.6 Theme 7: Culturally Rich Borough**

7.7 Theme 7 has a vision for Haringey to be a place where arts, culture and heritage are celebrated, inspiring residents and visitors and connecting them to place and one another. This commission will deliver on this objective through a focus on Seven Sisters as a cultural 'gateway' to Tottenham. It would also be supported through the development of a new cultural quarter at Tottenham Green, with improved infrastructure supporting markets, festivals, and other events.

## **7.8 Theme 8: Place and Economy**

7.9 The award of this contract will support the vision that Haringey is a borough which is a fair, healthy, sustainable and resilient place for all residents. Improvements to the environment of West Green Road and Tottenham High Road will support small businesses and improve opportunities for residents to access good work.

7.10 By taking a healthy streets approach to the District Centre, the project will provide greener and more attractive streets and places which improve air quality, reduce congestion, and create a more attractive place to live, work and play. Active travel will be supported through improved walking and cycling facilities.

## **8. Statutory Officer Comments**

### **8.1 Shared Service Centre**

8.2 Due to the value of the commission, no comments are required.

### **8.3 Finance**

8.4 This report seeks approval for a contract procurement under the terms of the Ealing Framework for a value of circa £246k. The full cost of this proposal will be funded by LBH Capital Funding from Scheme ref. no. 457 (Future High Streets Fund). The Future High Street programme is being delivered by a combination of funds from DLHUC (FHSF), GLA & LBH borrowing.

### **8.5 Legal**

8.6 The Assistant Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.7 The use of a framework agreement is in compliance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('PCR 2015') and with the Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSO 7).

8.8 The Director has power to approve contracts below £500,000 as per CSO 9.07.1.d.

**8.9** The Assistant Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) confirms that there are no legal reasons preventing the Assistant Director for Regeneration and Economic Development from approving the recommendations in this report.

**8.10 Procurement**

**8.10.1** Strategic Procurement (SP) note that this report relates to the approval to award a contract to GHD Group Pty Ltd (GHD) to deliver design and engineering services from RIBA Stages 1 to 6 for the 'Your Seven Sisters' project programme.

**8.10.2** A mini competition was conducted using the Ealing Council's framework named as Highways and Transport Services Framework (Lot 3 Transport and Engineering Services)

**8.10.3** As per the Council's procurement code of practice any purchase over £160k must be led by Strategic Procurement (SP) however this was not adhered to. SP (the construction team) got to know about this procurement following completion of the mini competition.

**9. Use of Appendices**

9.1 None

**10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

10.1 N/A